

## Eagle Madness sweeps Avila

Tiara Burns  
Staff Writer

Get ready to experience Avila University's Eagle Madness on Oct. 8 from 5 to 10 p.m. in the Mabee Fieldhouse. Eagle Madness is a part of Avila's homecoming week, in which all sporting teams and student organizations on campus are recognized and celebrated.

"It [Eagle Madness] was a lot of fun last year and I'm sure it will be fun this year," senior basketball player Angela Kessler said.

Last year was the first for Eagle Madness. "We packed the gym (last year)...It was more people there than we could have ever imagined," head dance team coach Cindy Freeman said.

This year's Eagle Madness will not only include a pep rally, but also a carnival around the track and dock area of the fieldhouse. Many student organizations will have a booth with games and prizes.

"Students should come to Eagle Madness, because it'll be a lot of fun, T-shirts and other prizes are going to be given away and it's a good

way to show school spirit," Freeman said.

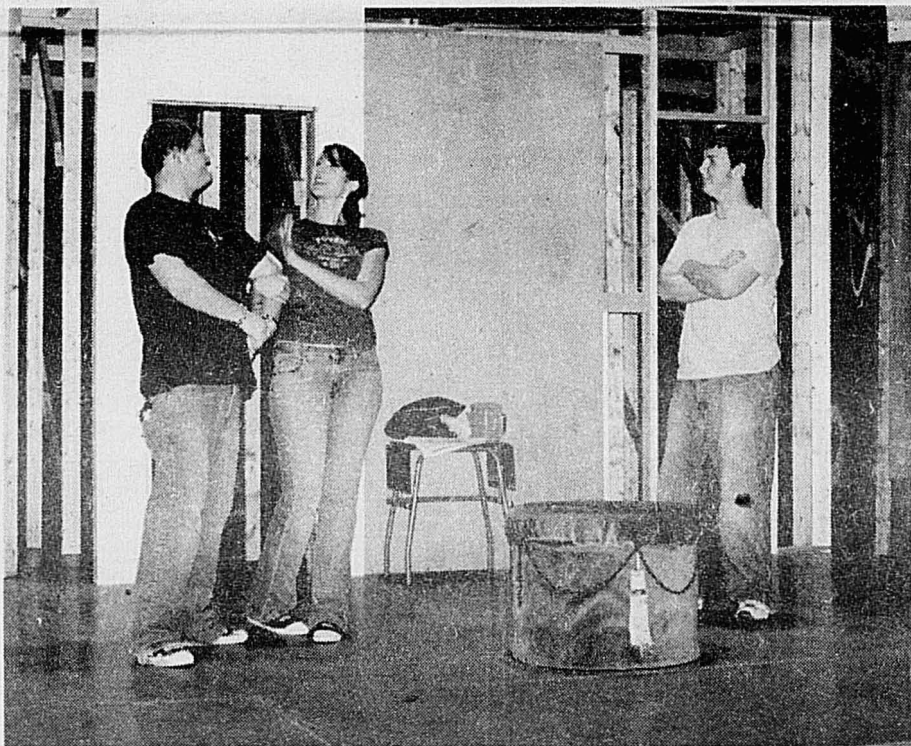
The Eagle Madness Pep Rally will take place at 7:30 p.m., after the women's volleyball game against William Jewell. The pep rally will include several performances and games. Avila's Dance Team, Cheer Team, the women's basketball team and men's basketball team are scheduled to perform a skit/dance routine.

Also in store for Eagle Madness is a half court shooting contest, a bouncy ball race, a volleyball serving contest for prizes, a shooting contest between the women's and men's basketball team

and one big race among all of the student organizations on campus.

"We're trying to have something that all the students can come to and have fun at," athletic facilities director and head cheerleading coach Jason Sack said. "This year's Eagle Madness is definitely going to be bigger than last year's."

## 'Moon Over Buffalo' takes the stage



Avila students rehearse their roles in for "Moon Over Buffalo."

Jeremy Cox  
Avila A&E Editor

With lights up and curtain drawn back, Goppert Theatre opens its 31st season with Ken Ludwig's "Moon Over Buffalo."

"It's a comedy about family," junior Deonna Bouye said. "It tells the story of a family of traveling repertory actors and what happens when life hands them its difficulties."

"Moon Over Buffalo," is directed by Gene Mackey, adjunct professor and artistic director for Theatre for Young America (TYA). Mackey previously directed Goppert's production of "Guys

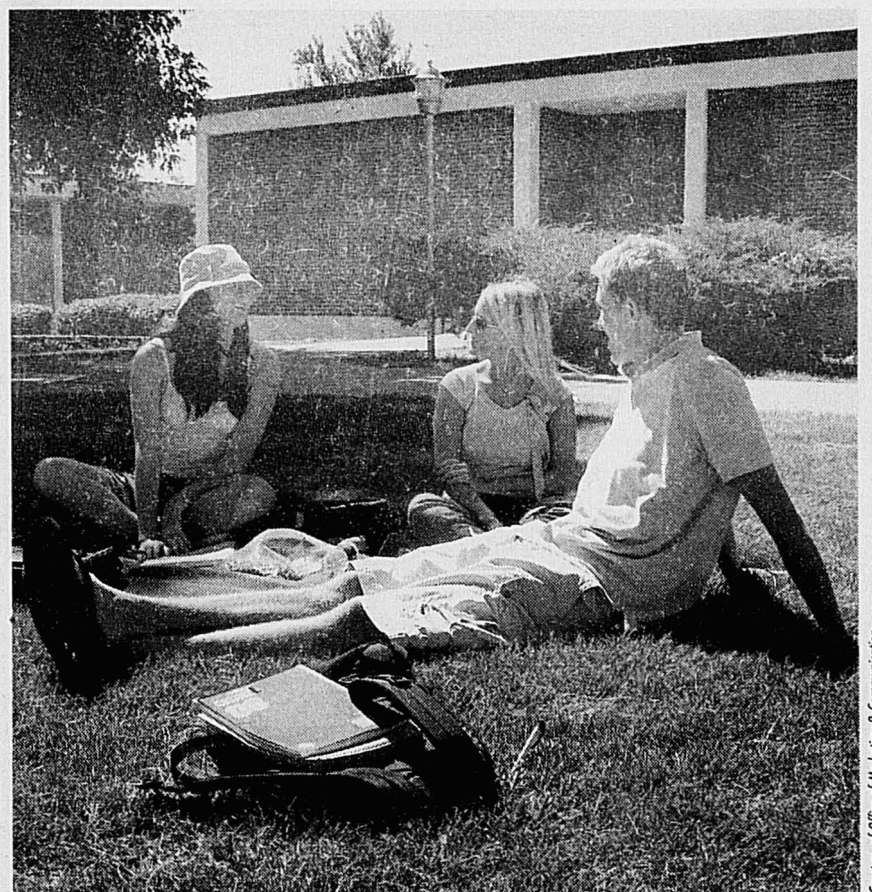
and Dolls," "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," and "South Pacific."

"The process has been really exciting thus far," senior Molly Fonseca said. "In the play, there are just so many shots that are taken at the theatre and acting profession in general. But with it being a farce, it's just completely ridiculous and hilarious."

"Moon Over Buffalo" will be performed in Goppert Theatre, Oct. 7-9 at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Oct. 10.

### Eagle Madness events

- JV teams build canned food castles, donated to Harvesters
- Serving contest: Hit it and Get it
- Cheerleaders perform Nationals Cheer
- Fred Geer cup winners
- Fall athletic introductions
- Dance Team performs
- Paper airplane contest
- Balloon relay
- Women's basketball team performs
- Cheerleader's homecoming routine
- Men's basketball dunk contest
- Two \$5,000 half-court basketball shoot out



### Soak up the sun

Three Avila students enjoy the weather with a picnic outside O'Reilly Hall during the last days of summer. The official start of autumn was Sept. 22



# Dancing the night away

Max Thompson  
Staff Writer

Music will resonate while video screens illuminate the quad Saturday, Oct. 9, for the homecoming dance. It's just part of the festivities that weekend, but Jason Baldwin, associate director of student life, hopes this year's theme will provide a fun atmosphere for students.

"It's a video dance party," Baldwin said, "There will be giant screens with high quality music and cameras, and it will all be under the big tent in the quad."

The challenge presented to GAP (Group Activities Programming), the student organization sponsoring the dance, is to get as many students to the event as possible. The way they plan on following through is by creating unique

themes. Hours spent scanning the Internet led Baldwin to the video dance party idea.

The whole event will be catered with free food for any student. Music will be played by a video jockey that travels with the equipment from college campus to college campus. To warm students up to the combination of the quad and video screens, GAP is also sponsoring a "Drive-In" movie on Oct. 7.

"Free food?" junior Brad Freeman said, "I'm there."

That may be enough to draw many students. With most students on tight budgets, it isn't hard to convince them to stop by for free food. If that's all it takes to get students to the dance, GAP thinks that the party will be enough to keep students at the dance.

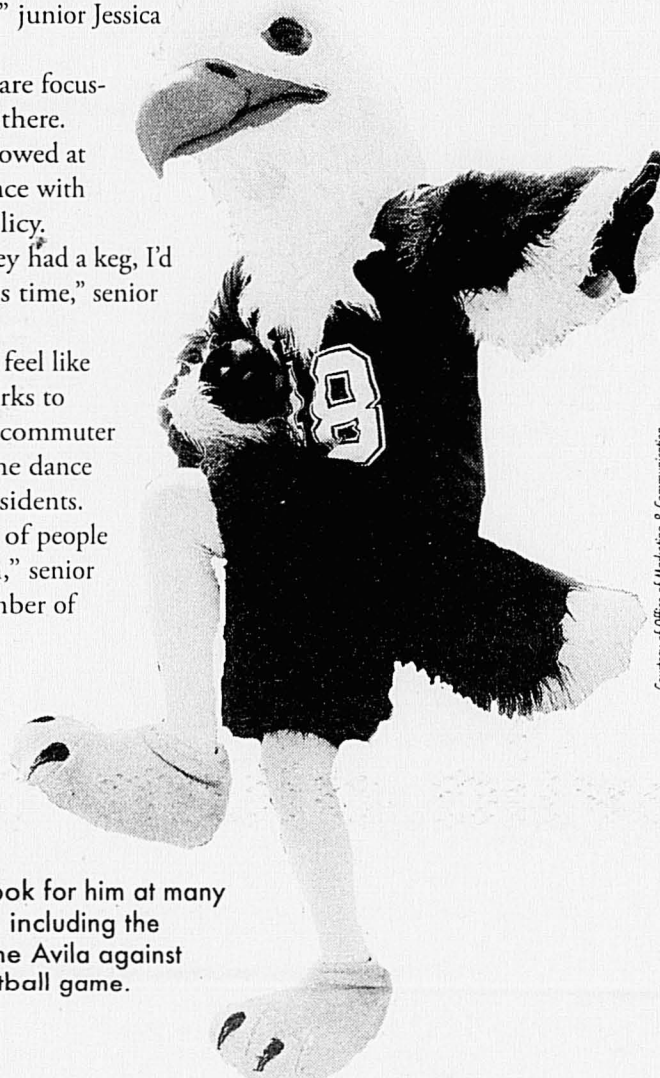
"That actually sounds neat. At least they're being creative," junior Jessica Fiebrich said.

Still other students are focusing on what won't be there. No alcohol will be allowed at the dance in accordance with Avila's dry campus policy.

"A few years ago they had a keg, I'd go if they had one this time," senior Steve Miller said.

The GAP members feel like having no alcohol works to their benefit so more commuter students can attend the dance along with campus residents.

"We just want a lot of people to come and have fun," senior Kira Stockreef, a member of GAP, said.



Courtesy of Office of Marketing & Communication

Seen Dom lately? Look for him at many homecoming events, including the tailgate party and the Avila against Culver Stockton football game.

# Tailgaters bring out Avila spirit

Malik Kincheloe  
Staff Writer

Avila will host a homecoming tailgate party Saturday, Oct. 9 at Rockhurst High School prior to the Avila against Culver Stockton College 2004 homecoming football game.

The Avila Advancement Office, 2004-2005 cheerleaders, and the Athletic Department will host the homecoming tailgate party starting at 11 a.m. in Rockhurst High School's east parking lot and will end at the kickoff of the football game.

"The whole idea started to kick off homecoming with a tailgate party when Avila University had our first football team in 2000," Donor Relations Coordinator Lisa Swartz said.

"The last tailgate was held during the Wheat Bowl, in Ellinwood Kan., and

the turnout was about 200 people," Swartz said.

"This homecoming we are expecting about 150 to 200 people in attendance."

wild Pride  
with

Senior Gary Ellis likes the idea of a tailgate party.

"Let's bring the tailgate party on," Ellis said.

## Directions to the tailgate

- Go north on Wornall Road
- Turn left going west on Red Bridge Road
- Turn right onto State line Road
- End at 9301 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO, and look for tailgaters in the east parking lot at Rockhurst High School

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## Revenge is in the air

Eric Reeves  
Staff Writer

On Oct. 9, at 1:30 p.m., the Avila Eagles football team will take on the Culver-Stockton College Wildcats at Rockhurst High School for the annual homecoming game.

Revenge may be intertwined in this game since last year the Eagles defeated Culver-Stockton 34-31 in overtime. "They'll be hungry. We beat them two years in a row," senior running back Ahmad Ashkar said.

"The heroes of the game were the ones that held it (Matthew Witcher) and kicked it (Massimo Scaccia)," head football coach Tim Johnson said.

It took an 11-0 fourth quarter by Avila to tie the game and send the game into overtime. The Eagles outproduced

the Wildcats on offense by 185 yards. The difference in the two offenses could be found in the running games of both teams.

Shawn Mennega, entering his third season as head coach of the Wildcats, will lead his team on Avila's home field.

Culver-Stockton needs a win to help them finish above the seventh place they finished

in the Heart of America Athletic Conference last year.

Johnson, entering his fifth season as head coach at Avila, will lead the Eagles on Saturday Oct. 9th, as the football team attempts to add another win to their record.

The Eagles have another form of motivation against the Wildcats.

"Culver-Stockton's men's soccer team stole one of our helmets," Johnson said, "they brought the helmet with them

when they came here and beat us (in 2000)."

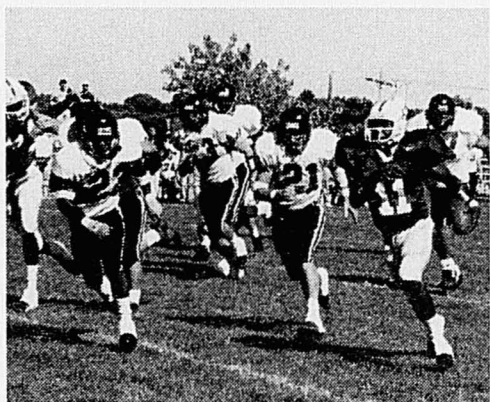
"Home team has never won this game," Johnson said, "We've got to break that cycle."

One trend that Johnson doesn't want to see end is the increased attendance at the Eagles football games.

"Our fan base keeps getting better," Johnson said.

Students, faculty, staff, and alumni will make the trip to Rockhurst High School to watch the Eagles host the Culver-Stockton for Homecoming 2004.

"When we have our cheerleaders and fans behind us it's as loud and collegiate as can be," Johnson said.

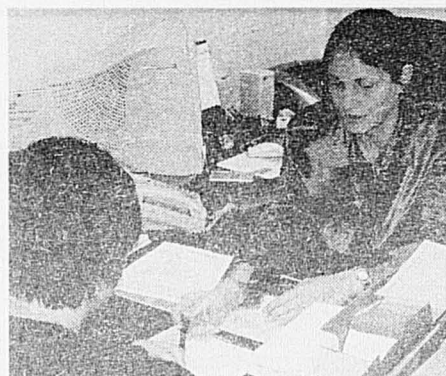


Avila runs against Culver-Stockton in a 2003 game. The Eagles face the Wildcats again in the homecoming game Oct. 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Courtesy of the Athletic Department

## Avila alum chose Alma Mater

Ryan Cook  
Profiles Editor



Angie Chamberlain

Angie Chamberlain, know to Avila as Angie Meador, came to Avila on a basketball scholarship in 1998 knowing exactly what she wanted from a school that she knew was limited in size.

"I didn't want to feel like a number," Chamberlain said. "My sister went to a big school and she never got the personal attention or the relationship development that I knew I would get at a smaller school."

She believes the difference between Avila and a lot of other schools is the people that work here actually believe in their mission statement.

"The professors here actually want to see you come to class, they want to see you get a good grade and they want to see you succeed as a person," Chamberlain said.

After receiving her undergraduate degree in information science, Chamberlain went on to complete her master's in business administration at Avila also. During that time she began working part time in the Avila Advantage office. Upon receiving her master's degree she began her short search for a job in "the corporate world." Soon after starting that search she found an opening in the

Avila Advantage office- the same place she had been working part time.

"I applied, and got the job," she said. "It was just that easy."

"Looking back, I am glad I got a job here. With the relationships I have already developed it's not like going to a job you have to go to," Chamberlain said. "It's like having a hobby to do with your friends. The only difference is you get paid."

## Baldwin aims to make Avila homecoming memorable

Jessica Collins  
Features editor

Associate Director of Student Life Jason Baldwin has helped plan Avila's homecoming for the past four years and hopes this year's homecoming will be one to remember.

"We have a variety of events for student's to attend from the theater performance to the football game on Saturday night. There is something for everyone," Baldwin said.

One of this year's top events is the Video Dance Party taking place on Saturday Oct. 9, in the quad, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Admission to the dance, along with catered food, is free. The video dance party will feature big screens, laser-effect lighting, fogging, and pan and tilt image cameras. V.J.s will also be interacting with dance attendees.

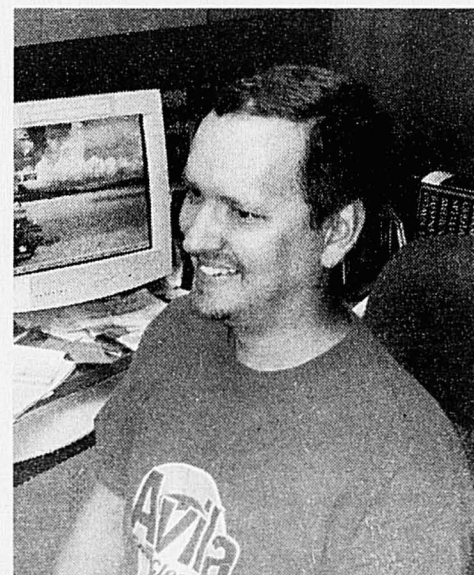
Baldwin is not alone in planning homecoming events. Many organizations work hard to make homecoming special. GAP (Group Activities Programming), Alumni and Advancement Department, homecoming committee, Athletics, and the Office of Marketing and Communication are just a few of the many organizations involved with planning homecoming.

"I like collaborating between all of the

departments on campus to come up with new and exciting ideas to make homecoming better each year," Baldwin said.

Baldwin suggests that any students who want to get involved in planning next year's homecoming or other events on campus join GAP, open to all students.

"I hope students develop school spirit and have a good time during all of the homecoming festivities," Baldwin said.



Jason Baldwin

Photo by Greg Ostrheim



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September 30, 2004

## Avila Homecoming 2004 October 8-10, 2004

### Friday, Oct. 8

11 a.m.- Noon Avila Heritage Mass,  
Orscheln Chapel

12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. Avila Heritage  
Luncheon, Whitfield Centre  
Honoring Heritage Club members and  
50+ year graduates.  
All alumni and friends are welcome.

3:30 p.m.- 5 p.m. College of St. Teresa  
Reunion/Reception  
-Donnelly Building, Zahner Lounge,  
St. Teresa's Academy

5 p.m.- 8 p.m. Thornhill Art Gallery  
Opening, Thornhill Gallery  
"Rusted Visions" by Stretch

6 p.m.- 8 p.m. Advantage Alumni  
Happy Hour, Marian Centre, Alumni  
Lounge

6 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. AU Parents' Associa-  
tion Reception, Whitfield Centre  
All AU parents of past and current AU  
students are welcome

6:30 p.m. / 8 p.m. dinner theater  
Production of "Moon Over Buffalo,"  
Goppert Theatre, \$25

5 p.m.-10 p.m. EAGLE MADNESS  
5 p.m. Carnival and Picnic  
7 p.m. Avila vs. William Jewell  
volleyball game  
7:30-10 p.m. Eagle Madness / Avila  
Athletic Pep Rally

### Saturday, Oct. 9

11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Tailgate Party! ,Rock-  
hurst High School

1:30 p.m. Homecoming Football  
Game, Rockhurst High School

5 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. Honored Classes  
Reception. Honoring Class of 1954,  
1964, and 50+ year graduates, Marian  
Centre, Alumni Lounge  
Honoring Class of 1979, 1994, 1999,  
and 2004, Whitfield Centre

6:30 p.m. / 8 p.m. Alumni Night at the  
Theatre, Goppert Theatre  
"Moon Over Buffalo," \$25

8 p.m.-Midnight Student-Sponsored  
All-University Dance, Quad

### Sunday, Oct. 10

9 a.m.- 10 a.m. Alumni Mass,  
Orscheln Chapel

10 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Fountain Recogni-  
tion Plates Viewing, Fountain

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Alumni As-  
sociation Recognition Ceremony and  
Brunch, Whitfield Centre  
All are welcome to celebrate the  
achievements of their fellow alumni and  
enjoy a fun history lesson from Sr. Olive  
Louise- Dallavis

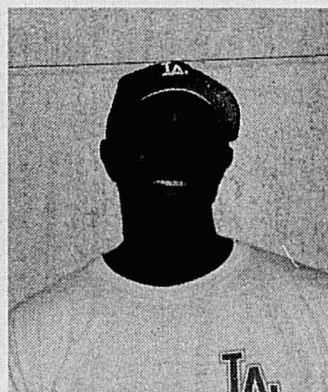
2 p.m. Avila vs. Harris Stowe Women's  
Soccer game, soccer field

2 p.m. Theater Production of "Moon  
Over Buffalo," Goppert Theatre

## Campus talk

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with homecoming?



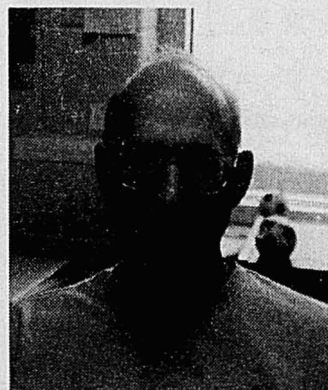
"We have a homecoming here? I had a lot  
of fun in high school, I think it's more of a  
high school event." Omari Parker, Senior



"I'm looking forward to the game and the  
dance, considering this is my first year  
here." Amanda Rardon, Sophomore



"Avila lacks school spirit, and I wish more  
people would participate in the events."  
Niki Lincoln, Junior



"Different generation, different time.  
Tradition was Friday night bonfire, Satur-  
day morning parade, Saturday afternoon  
football game, and Saturday night evening  
dance. It was mostly for couples, and was a  
big deal almost like high school homecom-  
ing. There were no kegs or drugs involved."  
Paul McNally, Women's/Men's Head Soccer  
Coach

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